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In re Application of: Yu et al. Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/507,968 Examiner: B. Bunner
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For: **Neutrokinne-alpha and Neutrokinne-alpha
Splice Variant**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 31, 2003 (Paper No. 17), Applicants request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith:

- (a) Copy of Revised Form PTO/SB/08 submitted on May 3, 2003 and courtesy copies of reference B5 cited thereon;
- (b) Exhibit A: Huard et al., "T cell costimulation by the TNF Ligand BAFF." *The Journal of Immunology*, (2001) 167:6225-6331;
- (c) A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time;
- (d) A Notice of Appeal; and
- (e) A Fee Transmittal Sheet.

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments. Amendments to the application have been made according to the revised amendment format outlined in the United States Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003.